

Call for papers: 4th Research Conference on Forced Displacement

May 27-29, 2026. Bangkok, Thailand.

The [World Bank – UNHCR Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement \(JDC\)](#) is pleased to announce its 4th **Research Conference on Forced Displacement**, organized in collaboration with the [Faculty of Economics of Chulalongkorn University](#), [UNHCR](#), the [UN Refugee Agency](#), and the [World Bank](#).

Since its establishment in 2019, the JDC has supported more than 100 national and global activities that aim to strengthen the collection, analysis and dissemination of socioeconomic data and evidence on forced displacement. Its objective is to increase stakeholders' ability to make evidence-based decisions that improve the lives of those affected by forced displacement, while broadening institutional capacity around data collection and analysis.

The Research Conferences held so far have contributed to JDC's objectives by providing an ideal space for **stimulating the production of quantitative research on forced displacement, offering a platform for interaction between researchers and practitioners, and identifying thematic, population and geographical gaps in our knowledge on forced displacement.**

We are happy to continue the important collaboration with our partners on filling evidence gaps on the forcibly displaced and stateless persons, with a specific focus on low- and middle-income countries. The next Conference seeks to address in particular the following topics:

- Quantitative analysis of drivers and effects of self-reliance among the forcibly displaced, stateless people and the host communities.
- Quantitative research on pathways to and the impact of economic inclusion of forcibly displaced and stateless people, including evidence on skills development, job integration, private sector investments, and entrepreneurship.
- Socioeconomic evidence on the return of displaced populations, reintegration challenges, and durable solutions.
- Methodological innovations in quantitative forced displacement research (e.g., sampling, data collection).
- Operational and policy impact of data and evidence in displacement settings.

To be considered for inclusion in the program, completed papers or extended abstracts should be submitted to conference@jointdatacenter.org by **January 5, 2026**. Papers and extended abstracts should be submitted in English. The papers for the final program will be selected by a scientific committee.

The conference will take place **in person**. More information will soon be made available on [this page](#). For any questions please email conference@jointdatacenter.org or contact Domenico Tabasso at tabasso@unhcr.org.

Please note that the Joint Data Center and organizing partners cannot cover travel and accommodation costs for conference participants.

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